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Electronic Newsletter

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## Event Calendar

### President's Day:

**Village Offices Closed**

Date: Feb. 20, 2012

### Traffic Alert: Kiwanis of Little Havana 5K/8K Run

Date: Feb. 26, 2012

Place: Virginia Key

### Charter Revision Commission Meeting

Date: Feb. 27, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

### Village Council Meeting (Zoning)

Date: Feb. 28, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

### Bedia Plazas Dedication Ceremony (Art in Public Places)

Date: Feb. 29, 2012

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pelican Plaza, Northeast corner of Village Green

### Special Magistrate's

## February 2012

### Charter Revision Commission Appointed by Council

The Village Charter calls for a Charter review every five years. On December 6, 2011, the Council appointed the following to the [Charter Revision Commission](#): Councilmember Michael Davey, Chair, Martha Broucek, Vice Chair, and Paul Auchter, Edward Briscoe and Mortimer Fried. After the first organizational meeting on January 31st, 2012, the Commission met on February 13th, 2012 to begin reviewing Village Charter Articles. The next public meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 27th in the Council Chamber. [Agendas and minutes are available online](#). For more information on the scope of the third meeting, visit the ["Public Notice: Charter Revision Commission Meeting Schedule - February 27th, 2012" news article at the Village website](#).

### Hatracking of Trees is Illegal and Not a Solution to Whitefly Infestation

Building, Zoning and Planning and Public Works staff advise residents and landscapers that hatracking of trees in public and private property is illegal. Hatracking, or topping, where tree limbs are severely cut back in violation of Village and County Ordinances, has been observed on gumbo limbo trees on public and private property in the last several months. BZP staff are developing a Code Enforcement Policy for property owners who are cited for hatracking violations.

The hatracking of gumbo limbos may have been in response to the whitefly infestation prevalent in the Village. However, hatracking is not the solution as practice can kill trees and, at a minimum, weakens them. According to the Village Arborist, "Hatracking will cause the tree to replace the missing limb and leaf mass at an accelerated rate, resulting in a denser canopy, unnatural growth pattern, internal decay and reduce the trees ability to take up the treatment applied for the whitefly. The whitefly would return if [any] leaves grow back."

### Update: Village Whitefly Treatment Program

Treatment of gumbo limbo trees and palms in the public right-of-way and parks against rugose spiraling whitefly occurred in August 2011 in areas with the highest whitefly infestations as previously identified by the Village's consulting Arborist. Systemic Neonicotinoid insecticide was applied to approximately 2,500 trees; this treatment has been shown to be effective for approximately six months. Gumbo limbos were treated via injection and immediate results were noted for this method. Whitefly-afflicted palms were treated by the drench method.

**Hearing**

Date: March 2, 2012  
 Time: 9:00 am  
 Place: Council Chamber

**Traffic Alert: 9 Mile****Music Festival**

Date: March 3, 2012  
 Place: Historic Virginia  
 Key Beach Park

**Village Council****Meeting**

Date: Mar. 6, 2012  
 Time: 7:00 pm  
 Place: Council Chamber

**Traffic Alert: 2575****Triathlon Expo and****Race**

Date: March  
 10-11, 2012  
 Place: Virginia Key/ Key  
 Biscayne

**Art in Public Places****Board Meeting**

Date: March 13, 2012  
 Time: 9:00 am  
 Place: BZP Conference  
 Room, Village Hall

**Village Council****Meeting (Zoning)**

Date: Mar. 13, 2012  
 Time: 7:00 pm  
 Place: Council Chamber

**Rotary Club of Key****Biscayne Art Festival**

Date: March 17-18,  
 2012  
 Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Place: Village Green

**Winter Concert Series:****Music from the Andes**

Date: March 17, 2012  
 Time: 6:00 pm  
 Place: Monaco  
 Reflecting Pools north  
 of Fire Station

**March Bulky Waste****Pick-up Week**

Dates: Mar. 12-16, 2012

**Traffic Alert: Sony**

Treated trees are identified by green dots on the trunks. Monitoring of the effectiveness of the systemic treatment has been ongoing. The treatment is working; inspections of the treated trees in January 2012 show no active established infestations. This is proof that the insecticide has traveled up the tree from the root area resulting in the death of early stages of the whitefly after eggs have hatched. Adult whiteflies will continue to be observed around both treated and untreated trees. Flying adult flies originate from untreated areas and land on treated trees to lay their eggs. When the eggs hatch, the immature insect is killed when it begins to feed on the treated trees and new infestation is prevented. For more information on the whitefly, pest control efforts by the Village in public areas and results of effectiveness surveys, please visit the ["Whitefly Infestation Updates" webpage](#).

**Winter Concert Series Continues through March**

Residents have warmed up to the new Village Winter Concert Series that continued with a Valentine's Concert at Village Hall's Turtle Fountain Courtyard at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12th. Two events are scheduled for March. The Music from the Andes concert will be held at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 17th, at the Monaco Reflecting Pools adjacent to the Fire Department. The Easter Family Concert will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Green on Saturday, March 31st.

Don't forget, March 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m. sharp on the morning of March 31st - also at the Village Green. For more information on these and other cultural events, check the calendar at [www.activeislander.org](http://www.activeislander.org).

**Village Fire Rescue Joins Forces with Florida Heart Institute to Promote PUSH CPR**

The Key Biscayne Fire Rescue Department is participating in Florida Heart Month outreach activities that kicked off February 6 with Stop Heart Disease Week. Fire Chief Eric Lang took part in the filming of Public Service Announcements promoting PUSH CPR® on January 25th, 2012. Everyone is encouraged to watch the videos, in English and Spanish, at <http://www.floridaheart.org/pushcpr/>. Fire Chief Lang, other Miami-Dade County Fire Chiefs and Mayor Carlos Gimenez are working together to increase public awareness of this important campaign.



PUSH CPR® (<http://www.floridaheart.org/pushcpr/>), developed by the Florida Heart Research Institute, encourages bystanders to initiate CPR for sudden cardiac arrest. The message is that you do not need to be a firefighter-paramedic to save a life. Call 911 and begin chest compressions only (no mouth-to-mouth) immediately if you see someone collapse and who is not breathing. These actions, coupled with early onset of advanced life support (including with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)) and quick transport to the hospital, can dramatically increase survival rates for victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Village Fire Rescue personnel, in partnership with the K-8 Center

**Ericsson Open Tennis Tournament**

Date: March 19-April 1, 2012

Place: Crandon Park Tennis Center

**Traffic Alert: Great Strides Miami 2012**

Date: March 25, 2012

Place: Virginia Key/ Key Biscayne

**Winter Concert Series: Easter Family Concert**

Date: March 31, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Village Green

**Special Magistrate's Hearing**

Date: April 6, 2012

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Council Chamber

**Traffic Alert: Miami Seaquarium Easter Egg Hunt**

Date: April 6-8, 2012

Place: Miami

Seaquarium, Virginia Key

**Art in Public Places Board Meeting**

Date: April 10, 2012

Place: BZP Conference Room, Village Hall

**Village Council Meeting**

Date: April 10, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

**Traffic Alert: Jimbo's 85th Birthday Party**

Date: April 15, 2012

Time: 12:00-5:00 pm

Place: Virginia Key

**April Bulky Waste Pick-up Week**

Dates: April 16-20, 2012

PTA, would like you, and everyone you know, to learn PUSH CPR®. Training sessions will be held on February 15 at 9:00 am and 6:15 pm at the K-8 Center Middle School Cafeteria. More information about this program and how to get trained is available at the [related Village website news article](#).

**KBPD Officers F. Hernandez and Montero Win Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Awards**

The Key Biscayne Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Francisco Hernandez and Officer Ivan Montero are winners of the prestigious Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Award in Category 1 - LEO Specialized Services. The awards were made at the January 21st, 2012 LEO Awards Gala hosted by the LEO Foundation and the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Hernandez and Montero, the Village's Marine Patrol officers, were recognized for their effective law enforcement in the Nixon Beach area of Biscayne Bay off the west shoreline of the Key, their response to a near-drowning incident in this area on July 24th, 2011, their development of a patrol plan for the Columbus Day Regatta, their dedication to duty, and their leadership skills. Read more about their [accomplishments at this Village website news article](#).

**Sea Turtle Season Begins May 1st; Be Prepared for Early Arrivals**

Female loggerhead sea turtles emerge from the Atlantic Ocean onto Key Biscayne's beaches from May through August to lay their eggs. However, nests have been identified as early as mid-April. An average of 135 loggerhead nests are



observed on the Key's beaches each year. The eggs incubate in the sand for about 45 to 55 days, and baby turtles generally hatch between June and the end of October.

The conservation efforts of Key Biscayne's residents and guests are vital to the enduring survival of sea turtles in South Florida. One way to help is to not disturb adult or baby turtles or the nests. Loggerheads are listed as a protected species under Village, State and federal law. Village Ordinance 2009-6 also specifies lighting regulations for marine turtles. Since artificial lighting can disorient nesting female turtles and hatchlings returning to the ocean, residents and visitors of beachfront properties are asked to shield the lights or close the curtains in areas facing the ocean after 9:00 pm during turtle season. To learn more about sea turtles and how artificial lights affect them, visit the [Village website's Sea Turtle and Oceanfront Lighting section](#).

**Village Department News You Can Use****Administration/Finance:**

A [job advertisement for a new Finance Director was posted online](#), in local newspapers and in trade publications in early February. Village Manager Gilbert will interview candidates for this position that includes municipal finance and human resources among its responsibilities.

**5th Annual Village Electronics Recycling Drive**

Date: April 21, 2012  
Time: 8:30 am-1:30 pm  
Place: West Enid Drive  
(between Village Hall and Winn-Dixie)

**Traffic Alert: FICPA Educational Foundation 5K Run/Walk**

Date: April 21, 2012  
Place: Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park

**Traffic Alert: Multirace 1st Annual Marathon**

Date: April 22, 2012  
(Pending Confirmation)  
Place: Virginia Key

**Village Council Meeting (Zoning)**

Date: April 21, 2012  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: Council Chamber  
(behind Fire Station)

*More information on these events is available at the Village website Event Calendar*

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**Building, Zoning, and**

***Building, Zoning and Planning:***

The Department said goodbye to longtime Senior Code Enforcement Officer Sergio Bonich as he retired on January 31st, 2012. Michael Mila, formerly of the City of Doral's Code Compliance Department, took over the position on February 1st. Teal Kawana also joined the Village as Oceanfront Lighting and Marine Turtle Code Enforcement Officer on October 15th, 2011.

***Parks and Recreation:***

Key Rats don't have to be bored at home during their vacation breaks. They can have loads of fun at one of the Community Center's Spring Break Camps from March 12th-16th, 2012. Options include KBCC Camp, Marine Biology Camp, and Flag Football Camp. Find out more about these [camps at www.activeislander.org](http://www.activeislander.org). Please register early to reserve your spot!

***Police:***

Officer Victoria Hernandez is available, by appointment, for car seat safety inspections that take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Officer Hernandez, a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, also will make sure you are comfortable installing the seat on your own in case the seat is moved from car to car, or taken out for any reason. Call (305) 365-1799 x 1128 for an appointment.

***Public Works:***

Residents are advised to watch out for their annual Solid Waste Bills that will be mailed by the Village in late February 2012. There is a 30-day grace period to pay the bill; accounts not settled within this time will accrue a late fee. If you have any questions or do not receive your bill, please call (305) 365-8904. The 2012 monthly Bulky Waste pick-up schedule is available online at the [Solid Waste and Recycling webpage](#) and on the [web calendar](#).

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Send an email to [jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov](mailto:jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov)

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